

1 AN ACT concerning the regulation of professions.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice
5 Act is amended by changing Section 2 and by adding Section
6 3.2 as follows:

7 (225 ILCS 75/2) (from Ch. 111, par. 3702)

8 Sec. 2. In this Act:

9 (1) "Department" means the Department of Professional
10 Regulation.

11 (2) "Director" means the Director of Professional
12 Regulation.

13 (3) "Board" means the Illinois Occupational Therapy
14 Board appointed by the Director.

15 (4) "Registered Occupational Therapist" means a person
16 licensed to practice occupational therapy as defined in this
17 Act, and whose license is in good standing.

18 (5) "Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant" means a
19 person licensed to assist in the practice of occupational
20 therapy under the supervision of a Registered Occupational
21 Therapist, and to implement the occupational therapy
22 treatment program as established by the Registered
23 Occupational Therapist. Such program may include training in
24 activities of daily living, the use of therapeutic activity
25 including task oriented activity to enhance functional
26 performance, and guidance in the selection and use of
27 adaptive equipment.

28 (6) "Occupational Therapy" means the evaluation of
29 functional performance ability of persons impaired by
30 physical illness or injury, emotional disorder, congenital or
31 developmental disability, or the aging process, and the

1 analysis, selection and application of occupations or goal
2 directed activities, for the treatment or prevention of these
3 disabilities to achieve optimum functioning. Occupational
4 therapy services include, but are not limited to activities
5 of daily living (ADL); the design fabrication and application
6 or splints, administration and interpretation of standardized
7 tests to identify dysfunctions, sensory-integrative and
8 perceptual motor activities, the use of task oriented
9 activities, guidance in the selection and use of assistive
10 devices, goal oriented activities directed toward enhancing
11 functional performance, prevocational evaluation and
12 vocational training, and consultation in the adaptation of
13 physical environments for the handicapped. These services
14 are provided to individuals or groups through medical,
15 health, educational, and social systems. An occupational
16 therapist may evaluate a person but shall obtain a referral
17 by a physician or optometrist before treatment is
18 administered by the occupational therapist. An occupational
19 therapist shall refer to a licensed physician, dentist,
20 optometrist, or podiatrist any patient whose medical
21 condition should, at the time of evaluation or treatment, be
22 determined to be beyond the scope of practice of the
23 occupational therapist.

24 (Source: P.A. 88-424.)

25 (225 ILCS 75/3.2 new)

26 Sec. 3.2. Practice of optometry. An occupational
27 therapist may not perform an act, task, or function primarily
28 performed in the lawful practice of optometry under the
29 Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987.